



# *Reed Creek Park & Wetlands Interpretive Center*

Public Information Meeting

March 31, 2005

Evans Government Center Conference Room A



***“To inspire wonder, discovery and responsibility  
for our natural & built environment”***



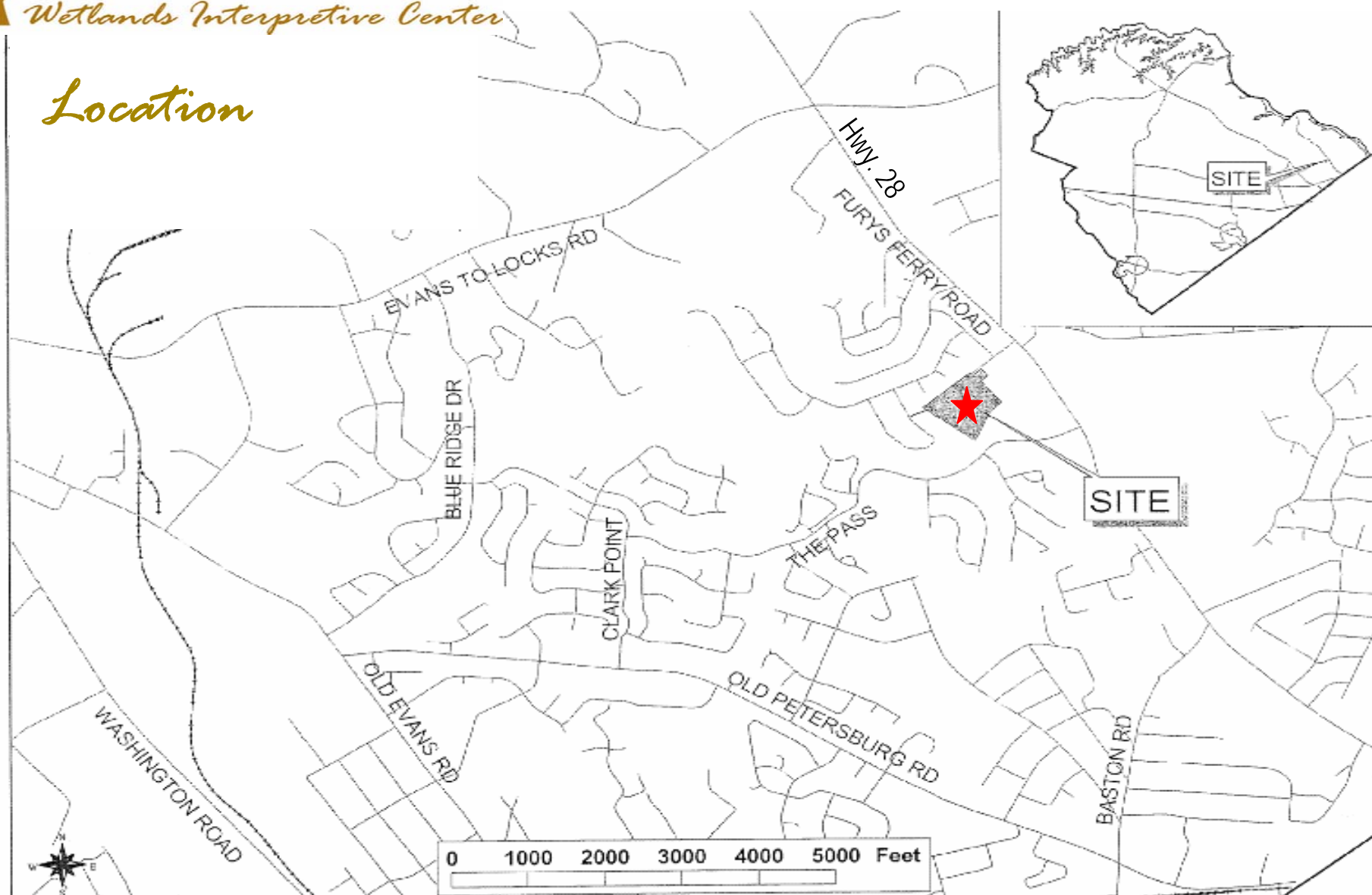


## Objective of tonight's meeting:

- Location
  - Where were we?
  - Where are we now?
  - Where are we going?
- Upcoming Events/Programs
- We would like your help!!!!

# Reed Creek Park and Wetlands Interpretive Center

## Location







Where were we?



March 1998



March 1998

# Reed Creek Park *and* Wetlands Interpretive Center

Where are we now?





# *Reed Creek Park and Wetlands Interpretive Center*

## Phase I completed February 2005

- 15.4 acre site, 13 acres wetlands
- 300 foot boardwalk over wetlands
- concrete sidewalks
- interpretive signage (ordered)
- new wetland trees and vegetation
- 25 space parking lot

## Phase I Funding

- DNR Grant - \$75K
- SPLOST 2001-2005 - \$435k.





# Where are we going?

## Phase II – Wetland Interpretive Center

- Serve as a demonstration in design & maintenance
- Design excellence & lowest environmental impact
- Responsive to the site
- Provide connection to the outdoors
- LEED Silver certification  
(Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design)

## Phase II Funding

- Additional grant from DNR - \$100K
- Matching funds - current SPLOST of \$100K
- Potential private/public partnerships, (FORC, organizations, manufacturers, etc.)



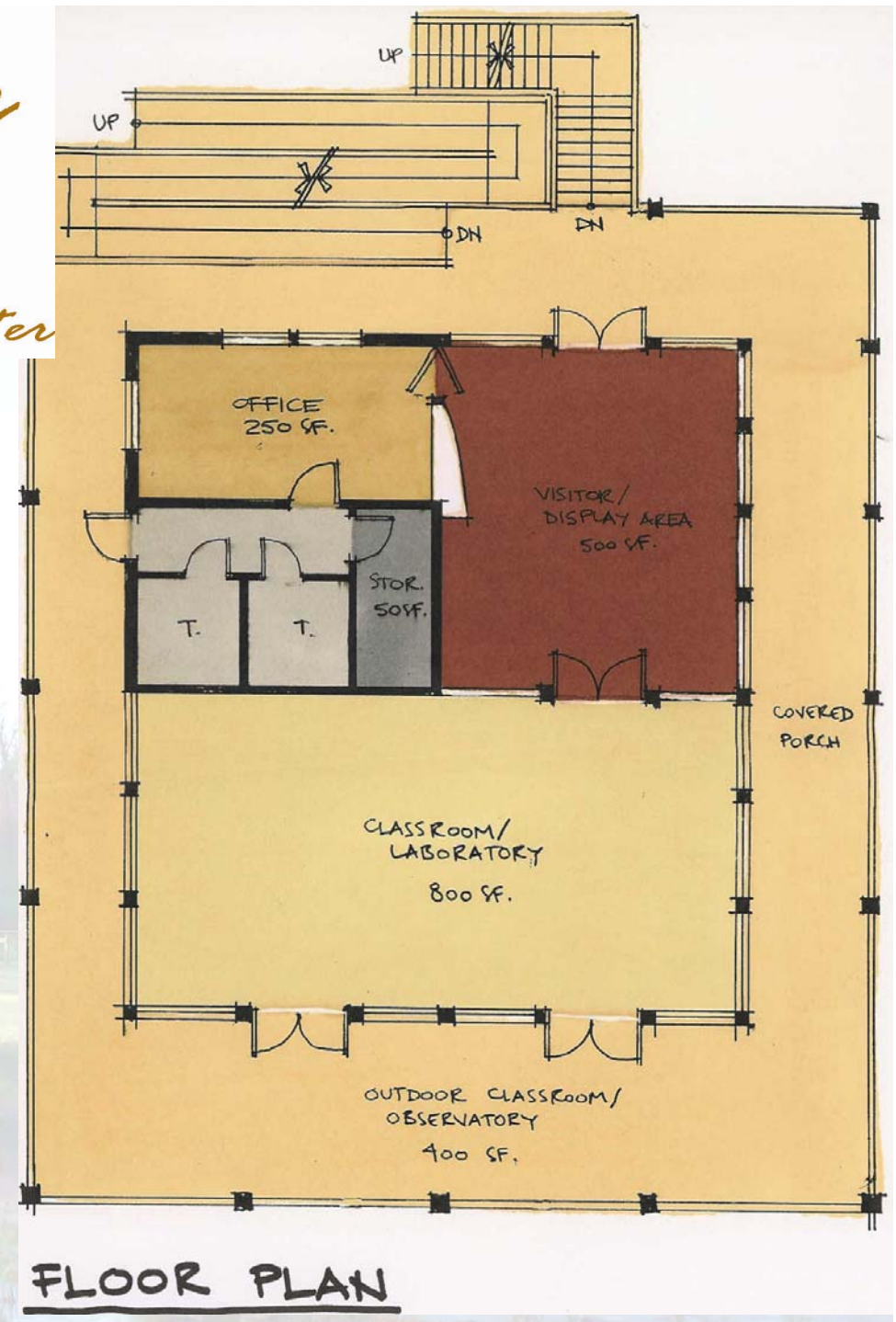
Aldo Leopold Nature Center, Monona WI



# Reed Creek Park and Wetlands Interpretive Center

## Phase II – Wetland Interpretive Ctr.

- Design development, 1,700 square foot  
Amenities to include
  - indoor and outdoor classroom area
  - lab/sink area for demonstration
  - visitor information
  - display area
  - office & storage
  - restrooms
- Construction scheduled for Fall 2005

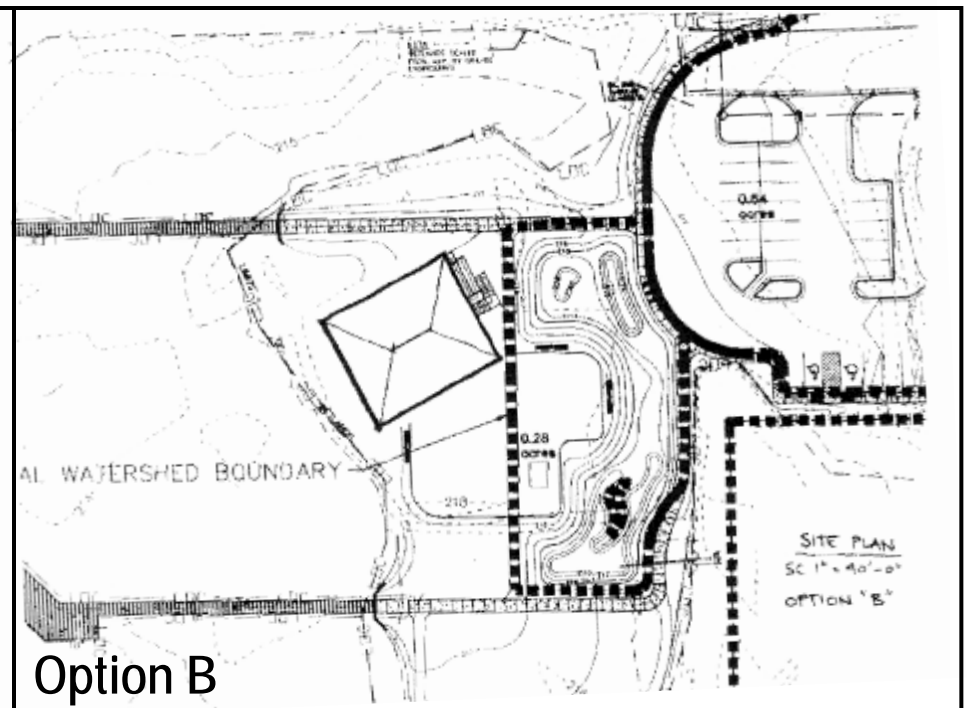
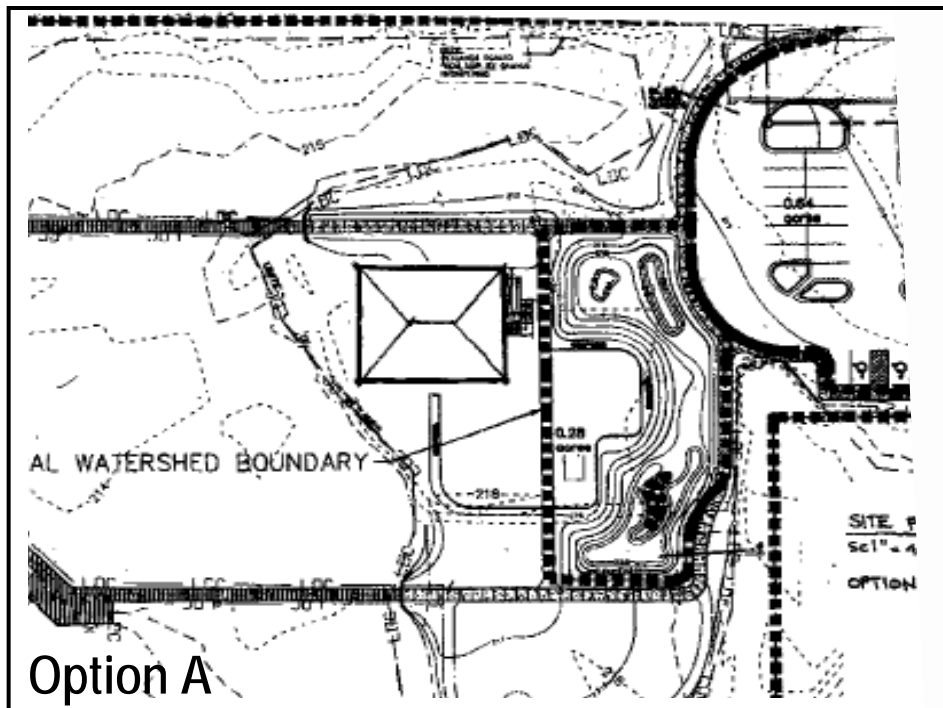




# Reed Creek Park and Wetlands Interpretive Center

## Phase II – Interpretive Center

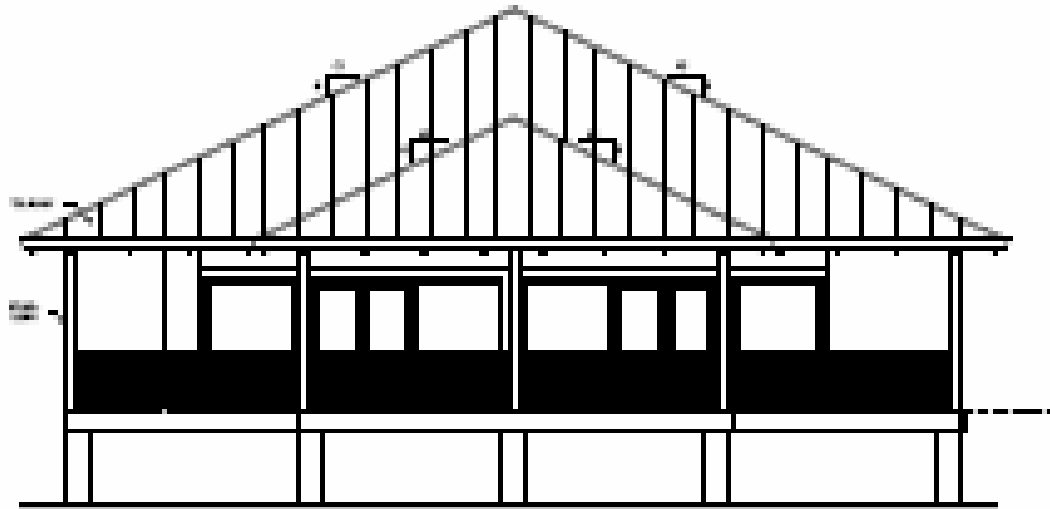
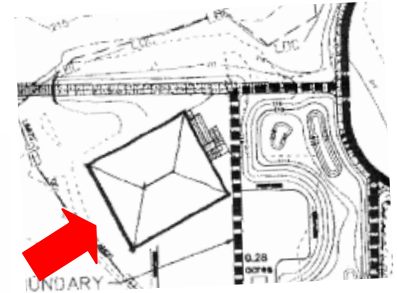
- Proposed site plans A and B
  - Option A – Aligns building symmetrically w/existing sidewalk
  - Option B – Aligns classroom areas w/ panoramic view of wetlands



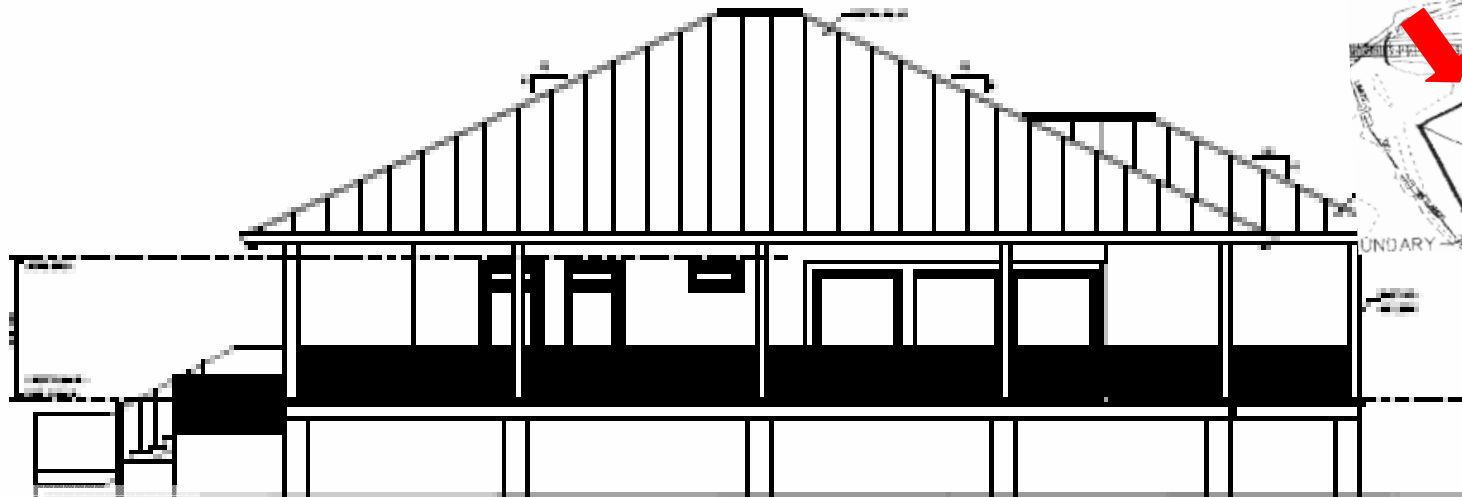
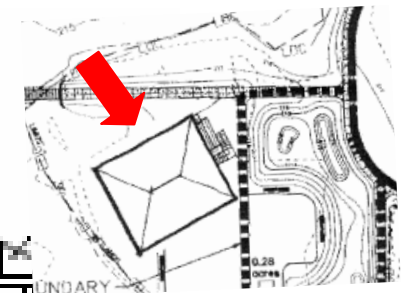


## Phase II – Interpretive Center

### • Proposed Elevations



South Elevation



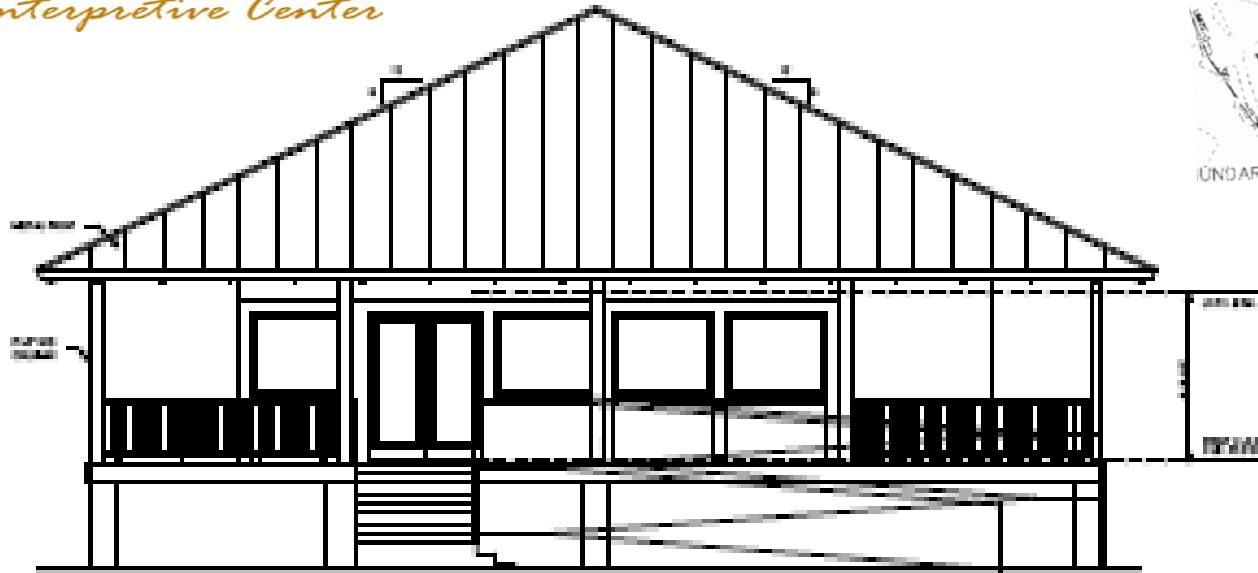
East Elevation



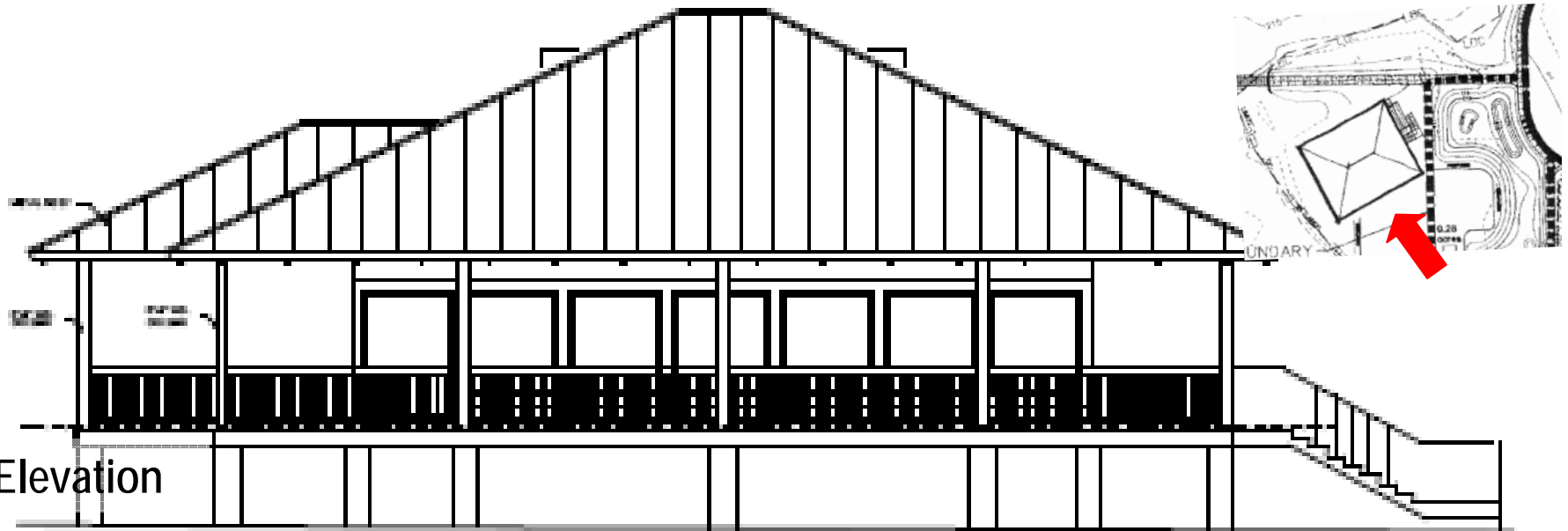


## Phase II – Interpretive Center

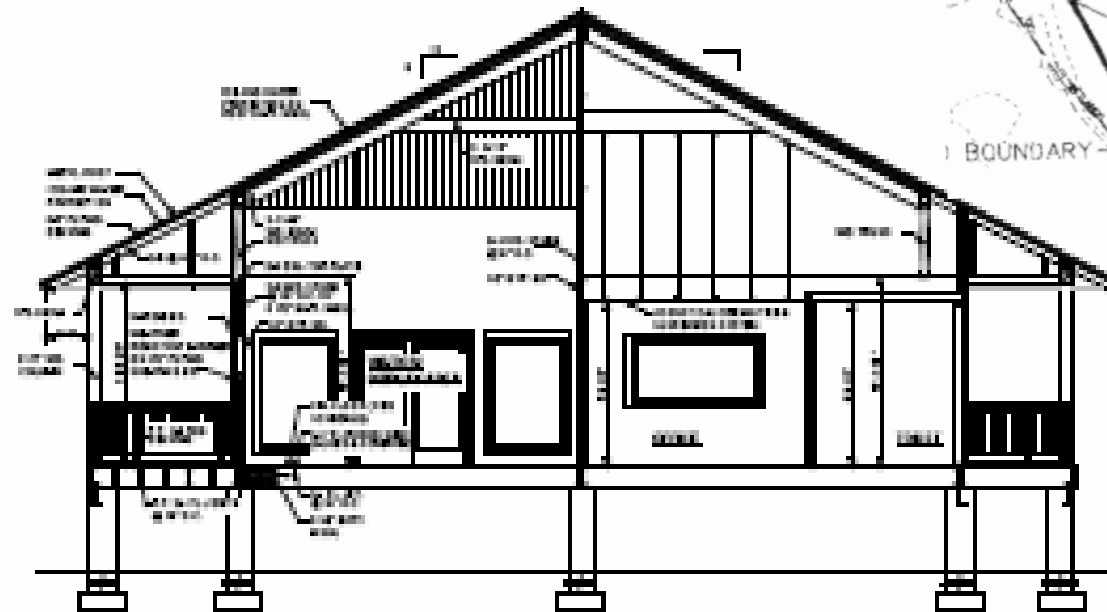
- Proposed Elevations



North Elevation



East Elevation



## Section

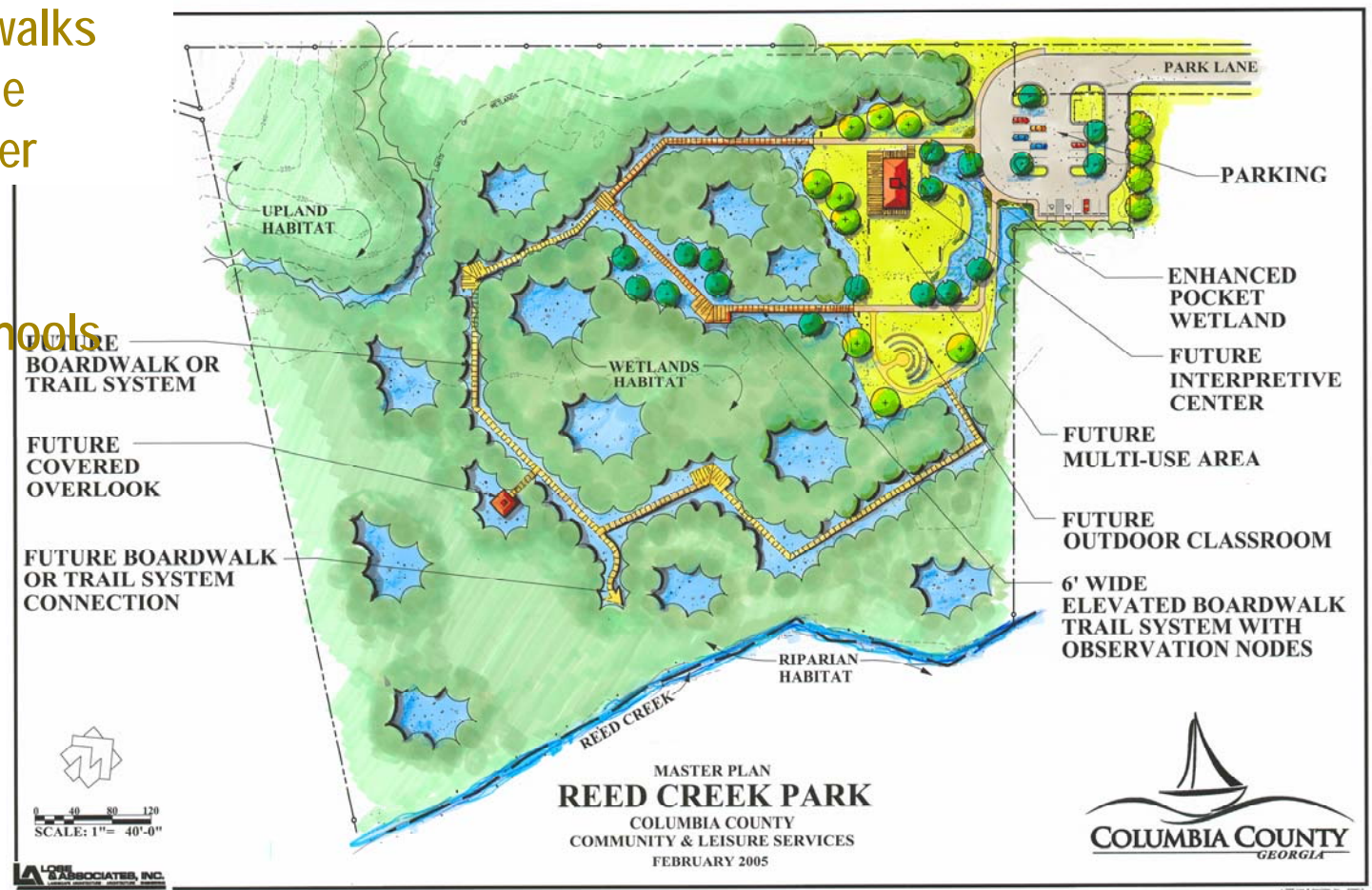




# Where are we going?

## Phase III – Masterplan

- Additional boardwalks
- Additional signage
- Small amphitheater
- Duck pond
- Programs
- Connection to schools



-Funding for Phase III is planned from the future SPLOST 2006—2010

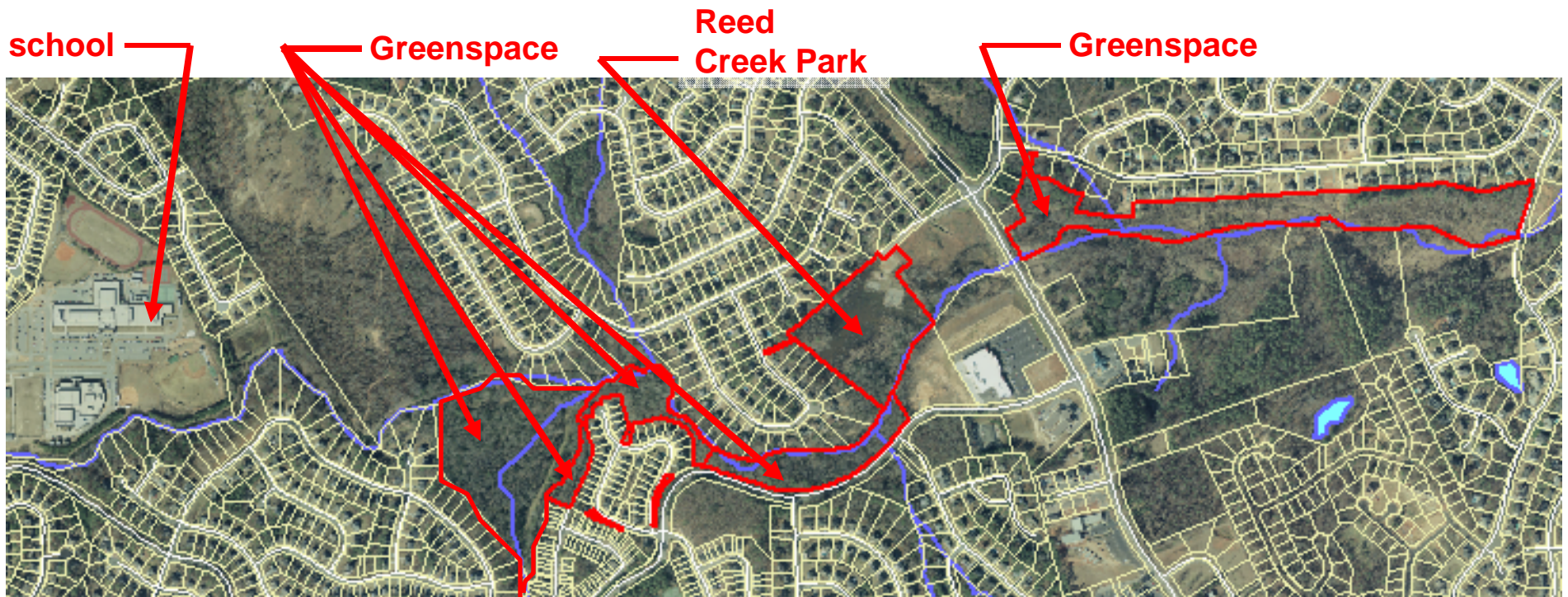




# Where are we going?

## Phase III – Masterplan

- Connection to schools through Greenspace Program (107 acres donated)







# Where are we going?

## Phase III – Long Range Plans

- Offer educational nature programs for all ages
- Focus on building technology, wetlands, wildlife and water quality
- Be an ongoing research project for stream & wetland restoration, remediation and/or enhancement
- Hands on scientific experiments conducted on site
- Develop private/public partnerships, stewardship & education



## Upcoming Events at Reed Creek Park



**Date: Saturday, April 16, 2005**

**Time: 11:00 a.m.**

### **Reed Creek and Reed Creek Park Cleanup**

**Other opportunities to participate in GACU at other locations  
Contact Community & Leisure Services**



# EARTHDAY

**Date: Tuesday, April 19, 2005**

**Time: 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.**

### **Scheduled Events**

- 10:00** Ribbon cutting/Butterfly release
- 11:00** Bats Need Friends
- 11:30** Live Animal Demonstration
- 12:00** Gardening at lunch (adults)
- 12:00** Story time w/crafts (children)
- 1:00** Bird Talk
- 1:30** Adopt-A-Stream Demonstration

### **Displays & Exhibits**

- Reptile Display by Savannah River Ecology Lab
- Butterfly Exhibit
- Columbia County Storm Water Utility Display
- Future plans of Reed Creek Park Display
- Columbia County Library Book Display
- Adopt-A-Stream Display
- Columbia County Clean & Beautiful Display
- Columbia County Greenspace Display

**Come Celebrate Earth Day  
at Reed Creek Park**

# EVERYDAY





We would like your help

- *Park Stewardship*
- *Guided Tours*
- *Educational Programs*
- *Outreach Programs*
- *Environmental organizations participation*
- *Neighbors looking out for Reed Creek*
  - *Friends of Reed Creek (FORC)*





*Thank you for coming*

*Please offer your comments and questions on  
survey or with staff*

*Please don't forget to sign*